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GAV-HAWK FORMAL MARCH 13

SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF ALUMNI AT F. T. C.



Nine students at F.T.C. are attending their parents' Alma Mater. Front row, left to right: Miss Hilda Smith of Barre, daughter of Mrs. Lila (Paquin) Smith, '13; Miss Muriel Healey of Waltham, daughter of Francis Healey, '22; Misses Dorothy and Jane Beers, daughters of Mrs. Dorothy (Stevens) Beers, '16.

Rear row: Nelson Kendall of Gardner, son of Mrs. Helen (Parker) Kendall, '06; Wayne Randall of Bolton, son of Mrs. Beth (Walker) Randall, '17; Miss Dorothy Dahlquist of Worcester, daughter of Mrs. Mildred (Swenson) Dahlquist, '10; Durward Eastman, son of the late Mrs. Helene (Field) Eastman, '11; Miss Mary Bickford of Lunenburg, daughter of Mrs. Viola (Lancy) Bickford, '09.

EPSILON INSTALLATION BANQUET MARCH 28

The EPSILON PI TAU is meeting at Hotel Raymond, Fitchburg on March 28, serving a banquet to its present and past members and also to the neophytes who

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BASKETBALL SEASON DRAWS TO CLOSE

When the Fitchburg varsity basketball team travels to New Britain, Conn. to meet the T.C. of Conn. on Thursday, February 18, it will officially close the

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ALUMNI OF CLUBS WILL MEET AT DANCE

On Friday evening, March 13, 1942, there will be held a formal dance in the gloriously arrayed library of the Fitchburg State Teachers College. This gala affair will be carried on under the joint sponsorship of the Mohawk Club and the Gaveleer Society.

Mr. Alfred Shinner has been elected by the Mohawk Club to act in the administrative position of Co-chairman along with Mr Turo Hallfors, the chosen repre-

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FIELD SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Have you a position which satisfies? Perhaps we can help you. Register with your Alumni Committee. Simply send us:

1. A statement of the kind of position you want.
2. The salary you expect.
3. A statement of significant work which would serve to recommend you.

Names of Committee:

Miss Anna B. Courtney
Girls Vocational School
Fitchburg, Mass.
Mr. Frank A. Andrews,
Principal

Gates Lane School
Worcester, Mass.

Miss Helen K. Connor
Lancaster St. School
Leominster, Mass.

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Editorial . . .

THE PRESIDENT CALLS FOR ACTION

"You still use that bit of a gymnasium?", is the first remark of the alumnus or alumna returning to Fitchburg. A generation of students have graduated and all have faced the same handicap. Yet nothing is done about it.

Ask any orator, actor, dancer, or musician if audiences vary. Each will report that a performance to an appreciative audience is encouraging to the performer. Ask any alumnus or alumna if alumni vary. Each will report appreciation in terms of participation.

Isn't it time for the alumni of the State Teachers College at Fitchburg to become participating members in a campaign of action that will bring to our Alma Mater a real gym, to be called the Alumni Gymnasium?

For several years this project has been among the first on the State Department's list for construction, just needing the impetus to put it over. We have now fifteen months in which to plan a drive that will bring this building problem before our legislators before their next biennial session. Your active performance in cooperation with the Alumni Association in contacting legislators will do the job. Your audience of students now at Fitchburg and the students-to-be are rooting for you. The President and his Faculty are applauding the movement. Join us now in action, and you will be boasting of your Alumni membership.

A. Henry Ottoson
President of Alumni Association

ARE YOU AN ACTIVE MEMBER?

"Once more into the breach, dear friends, once more."

King Henry V

Fitchburg graduates, your Alumni Association is calling you! Your loyalty is needed, your interest wanted, your presence at the 1942 Reunion desired.

How can the goal of 100% alumni membership be attained? In only one way and that is for each and every one to respond to the personal request you will soon receive from your own class president. When that letter comes, read it carefully, stop long enough to rekindle the good old Fitchburg spirit. Remember that the undergraduate body needs the example of alumni that still actively desire the welfare of the college.

You are now, or have been, members of the grandest profession on earth. Are you as loyal to your Alma Mater as you urge your pupils to be to theirs?

To be sure you are busy! The rushing current of material living carries you irrevocably along. But if you try hard enough you can find a quiet little eddy, and devote a few moments to nostalgic sentiment. Remember the busy hours and the carefree ones, too? Remember the kindly faces and the ideals you used to talk about? They all helped to make you what you are today.

Heed the coming appeal for the F.T.C. Alumni and act upon it.

Elizabeth Whelan Miller
Chairman, Membership Com.

YOU CAN HELP

Our college is dependent upon good will of alumnus that prompts them to send to it students of great promise, and the good will of friends that is won by the distinguished service of the alumni themselves.

The alumni have many connections with young people in their communities. They have means of knowing outstanding students. Many times a mere suggestion determines the college an able student will select. The future classes of Fitchburg are even now being recruited by decisions made in school and home.

From now until September there is an opportunity for alumni to give Alma Mater a valuable service. Help to make the entering class of 1942 an unusually strong one in scholarship and in that type of personality which will make constructive history for the Fitchburg State Teachers College!

Helen Coughlin, Chairman
College Relations Com.

PRESIDENT HERLIHY'S MESSAGE

The faculty at Fitchburg Teachers College are honestly heartened by the encouraging support of our reorganized Alumni Association. We have always cherished the many evidences of the warm, friendly spirit shown by our graduates towards the college. The new Alumni Council provides for a most effective implementation of this good will in meeting definite needs in our program.

Your officers have asked me to outline in this issue of the college weekly some of the interesting developments here in recent years.

There are six distinct types of professional training now being offered:

1. Undergraduate courses in three fields: elementary, junior high, industrial arts.
2. Graduate courses leading to the degree of Ed. M.
3. In-service training courses for experienced teachers (afternoon and Saturday morning.)
4. Vocational education teacher training courses leading to the degree of B.S. in Vocational Education.
5. Summer school for academic and vocational education teachers.
6. Defense training classes for men to be employed in local industries (two night shifts).

These several programs served last year not less than 900 men and women from all sections of Massachusetts.

The Fitchburg record of placement of the undergraduates has been most satisfactory. 95% of the 1941 class have been appointed to full time positions as teachers and defense work-

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE BEGINS

The Membership Committee of the Alumni Council has evolved a plan whereby it hopes to enlist the assistance of each class president in securing 100% Alumni membership for 1942. So far ten classes have pledged their support to this policy. The remaining classes will be approached as quickly as possible. Since this drive represents a great deal of concentrated effort, it is hoped that each graduate will respond when the personal communication is received.

ers. Moreover, six of our students have enlisted in the Army and Navy Aviation services and ten or more are serving in the military service.

The mental and physical equipment of our students compares most favorably with students in other colleges in the United States. The scores made by the Fitchburg Freshmen and Sophomores in the standard tests of ability and achievement of the American Council on Education are better scores than the medians of 60% of the students in more than 350 colleges.

Our most pressing need is a new gymnasium to accommodate the 150 men and 140 women now enrolled at Fitchburg Teachers College. We need the active support and practical help of our 4000 Alumni in the onerous task of securing state appropriations for this building. A united, loyal, functioning group of graduates can really insure the erection of a gymnasium within two years.

My sincerest congratulations to President Ottoson and his busy Council members for the splendid beginning under the new constitution.

WHAT IS FIELD SERVICE?

According to the new F.T.C. Alumni Association constitution "The Field Service Committee shall foster good will and seek opportunities for graduates by contact with Regional Chapter and public school systems and should make known the professional desires of the Alumni at the meeting of the Board of Directors and Alumni Council."

In other words, the Field Service Committee is your clearing house.

We have already notified qualified members of the Alumni of nine openings in different Teachers Colleges. We hope to give Alumni information received from faculty on integration and curricula revision. Perhaps we can arrange for inter-library loans.

Do you know of a teaching opening? Whenever you hear of an opportunity for a fellow alumnus, please let us know.

Do you want a promotion? If you do, read carefully the "Notice" on the first page of this issue.

Anna B. Courtney, Chairman
Field Service Committee

REGIONAL CHAPTERS

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Boston (Boston and Vicinity)

Mr. William J. McConnell,
Boston Chairman
Purpose—To promote acquaintance and social gatherings among graduates in different localities.

FITCHBURG GRADUATES

How widely have Fitchburg graduates scattered since graduation. Following are a few of the places from which they write us:

Montreal, Canada: "Greetings from Canada! Though still a Yankee, I have enjoyed nineteen years in the land of the Maple Leaf."

Edith Clarke Miller, '05

Akron, Ohio: I have lived here for the past twenty-three years and for the past eight I have been teaching primary grades in our public schools."

Marion Osgood

North Carolina: Greetings from the state that produces much cotton and tobacco and is known as the home of the long leaf pine. Josephine Baldwin Smith, '07

Loup City, Nebraska: No blackouts necessary hereyet.

Mrs. O.E. Peterson Jr.

New York City: Besides managing a large school of fifty classes, I have charge of radio programs

Jane Monahan 1897

of elementary schools. I keep busy.

Jane Monahan, 1897

Kenedy, Texas: Mr. Pierson and I are missionaries of the Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Georgia, and are located here in Texas.

Hattie A. Pierson, 1898

Santa Monica, California: I have taught thirty-two years, fifteen in New England and seventeen in the Santa Monica J. H. S. Friend and vivid are my memories of Fitchburg.

Alice Dunklee Palmer

Seattle, Washington: Today the "man on the street" is on his toes, alert to a new type of thinking—a point of view that there is a problem in the solving. I feel that we teachers should be one step ahead in trying to point the way.

Robert E. Sullivan

ALUMNI REUNION

Saturday, June 6, 1942

What....You will be surprised and delighted. Come to meet your former classmates.

"Life begins at forty."

Reunion Committee

Julia Shea

Charles Andrews

Barbara Whitmore

Westerley, Rhode Island: Greetings and best wishes to my college newspaper from one who spent many happy years as State Critic in "Little Rhody."

Gertrude Rich Cooke

Boston, Massachusetts: Although still running my own letter shop business in Boston, I organized and have carried on for the past two years a nonprofit organization for the purpose of helping unemployed women over thirty-five years of age. I spend my leisure time lecturing and writing articles on the plight of many worthy unemployed older women.

Carlyn Lavers Purcell, '02

Seattle, Washington: My rural school is near Port Angeles, Washington, across from Victoria, British Columbia. The war situation brings back thoughts of home. Fitchburg is "home" to me. I would suggest that the alumni and others reread "Credo" published at Fitchburg about 1916. I was there from 1914 to 1917 when with others I left for World War Service. All about us here are signs of War activity and a keen appreciation of the needs for the best in organization and equipment of naval and military forces.

Coronado, California: I formerly lived in Arizona, and might well have been the only Fitchburg alumna in that state. I imagine there are several in California. Coronado is a beautiful little city across the bay from San Diego.

Florence Wilcox Wheeler

WHERE ARE THEY?

The Class of 1898 is probably unique in that the members have kept up their friendships closely after graduation. Miss Alice Goodnow tells us how they have done this: Soon after our tenth reunion, Miss Mabel Kingsbury conceived the idea of a "Round Robin" letter so that each could keep track of the activities of the others. To the small number who were interested at first were gradually added other classmates. Miss Kingsbury made up the list of addresses and dates on which the letters were to be received and sent on in each case, and that was included in the package of letters. Each writer was urged to tell what she was doing, about her work, her family, her outside interests, and in this way learned of the marriages, the children, the travels, the joys and the sorrows of the others. Pictures made the new families more real, newspaper clippings told their messages, and anything of general interest about the Normal School was put into the collection. After Miss Kingsbury's death in 1936, Mrs. Ragna Rath of Honolulu took charge, and the letters are continuing their rounds about once a year to the Territory of Hawaii, with its settlement work of many nationalities; Alberta, Canada, with its frontier life and war work; Michigan, with its mission work among the Indians; Illinois, where one of Mr. Thompson's sisters has been doing wonderful club and literary work; Kansas with its prairie life; and all over Massachusetts with teachers still in service, and homemakers now writing of grandchildren.

That the idea has been a success is shown by the fact that so many of the letters begin with, "I just dropped everything and sat down to enjoy the letters, not stopping until I had read them through."

GREETINGS FROM FORMER TEACHERS

Miss Matilda B. DeLand (F.T.C. '01-'31)

Hunting Hill, Lunenburg, Mass.

Miss Doland, who recently celebrated her eightieth birthday, writes: "In 1901, when I first became acquainted with Fitchburg State Normal School, it was just of the present entrance age for Elementary Grades. Since that time, it has studied many educational phases, until it is now a member of College circles.

Always it has sent out graduates who by their training, industry, and enthusiasm, with loyalty to their 'Alma Mater' have done great good in the world, and the future will repeat past achievements.

Today then, in 1941, with confidence in the College and high regard for its staff I send with my greetings this toast: To the days that are gone—and—to the days that are to come."

Miss Sarah E. Lamprey (F.T.C. '08-'41)

30 Pine Street
Laconia, New Hampshire

"It is a pleasure to extend to the readers of the 'Stick' my greetings from Laconia, where I have been located since my recent retirement from active service. Best wishes to all!"

Mr. Frank S. Livermore (F.T.C. 1917-1932)

50 Fitch Hill Avenue, Fitchburg

"Gladly do I remember the associations of you all; good

GOOD WORDS

Good words
come to a brave end.

They do not die
pricked by a swift flame;
but ferment in the minds
of worth while men,
and do but seem
to perish with their name.

They are as torches
silver-touched:
never to be hid
in a darkening soil,
but to gain new radiance
and to pass
to those,
who breathing,
still do toil.

Donald Frederick Lytle

news, goodwill, and Truth to
all."

Mr. William D. Parkinson (F.
T.C. 1920-1927)

321 Highland Avenue, Fitchburg
"I am glad to salute again (even with a stick!) my fellow travellers whose ways once touched with mine and, though since apart, still lie along the main highway I follow."

Mr. Preston Smith (F.T.C.
1895-1937)

Mt. Vernon Street, Fitchburg

"Members of the Alumni: At this time the industrial, apolitical, moral and social problems make it most important that the graduates be present at the Reunion to discuss them with their old classmates, friends and instructors. Try to come."

Miss Marion Lee Webster (F.T.
C. 1923-1940)

185 High Street, Belfast, Maine

"Greetings and best wishes to all my friends of the Fitchburg State Teachers College."

THE INQUIRER

Question: How can the Alumni Association best serve Fitchburg?

Dr. Percival: Two suggestions occur to me when asked how the Alumnæ (and most of them are alumnae) can best serve the College.

First, a great deal of effective work in binding the group together can be accomplished only if there is a printed bulletin of some kind that goes out two or three times a year.

Secondly, the Association will face a crisis of the first order if some devoted soul is not found to carry on the work of Miss Goodfellow when it becomes necessary for her to lay aside the labor (she will never lay aside her interest in it) connected with the Secretary's post. It is not too soon for several loyal alumnae to begin to share this load and to understudy the role.

But after all, suggestions are still for the most part so much wind. The job remains to be executed after the suggestion has been made and accepted.

Dorothy Conroy: In my opinion the best way in which the Alumnæ can better serve the College is to get to know the undergraduates better. To me, a member of the class of '42, the Association means the classes of '39, '40, and '41. Of course I realize that these form but an infinitesimal part of the association, but how many of us can visualize such a group other than through the specific members we know in it? Therefore, as a future member of the A.A., I should like to see some sort of social contact and bond established between it and the student body—a bond which is essential to any service by the Association—that of common understanding.

HERE AND THERE WITH F.T.C. ALUMNI

Miss Doris E. Almy, F.T.C. '21, is publishing a book of poems, "A Decade of Poems" (Beacon Publications). Miss Almy has taught in New Jersey and in Fall River, Mass. and has just completed her second term of office as President of the National Association of Penmanship Teachers and Supervisors. She is secretary of the Massachusetts Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, a national fraternity for women in Education. Several of her poems have been published in four well known anthologies.

"The Yankee Schoolmaster" by Bernard Roth is soon to appear in book form. Mr. Roth is connected with the Advertising Dept. at Winsor Locks Air Base in Connecticut.

Mr. Anthony T. Stavaski, '26, is now in charge of Printing and Graphic Arts at the California, Pa. State Teachers College which boasts of having one of the most fully equipped Industrial Arts colleges in the country. A recent number of their college publication contains the following reference to our alumnus: "The Printing II class now works to modern dance orchestra recordings. It takes fast numbers to keep pace with Mr. Stavaski.

EPSILON

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are to be initiated at this time. The alumni of this fraternity will be notified as to full details.

The membership stands to date with William Konsavage as president and William Sullivan, Frank Onischuk, Arthur Hopgood and Ray Lehtovaara as members.

The new members who will reinforce the group on March 28 are: James Amsler, John Labenski, Nelson Wood, Eino Hakala, Arthur Russell, William Foye, William Burns, and Phillip Shebell.

PROPHESY

No quaint prayer
no eloquence of tongue
may assuage
the war-God's spleen—
restrain oncoming night.

The lamp will feebler burn
whereby men nourish
the better issue of their time.

And yet in village street
where free men meet
the peaceful word
now lost to outer worlds
is still resplendent heard.

Donald F. Lytle

BASKETBALL

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1941-42 season

After getting off to a slow start, the Fitchburg five showed up well against her strongest opponents and a win at New Britain will conclude a fair season. The addition of defense courses to the curriculum along with injuries to key men and training activities did not allow Coach Elliot to develop a strong combination until late in the season.

The squad this year was composed mainly of last year's players with the addition of two transfers and a Jayvee player of last year.

Bill Konsavage, Dick Bejune, Jack Phillips, Nelson Kendall, Jim Amsler and Nofrio Marella were the holdovers from last year's varsity squad, and these capable gentlemen were reinforced by Bob Savitt, a sharp-shooting center from Syracuse, John Chase, a versatile guard from New Paltz T.C. and Mel Sibulkin, a graduate from last year's once defeated J.V. team.

These three men along with the others, played important roles in the four games the team won this year and were responsible for many gray hairs in the heads of their other opponents.

From all indications, next

RECOMPENSE

The day's work is done
And what is the pay?
At setting of sun
Are you glad of the day?
Fair deeds done for love
Shine at close of the day
As stars shine above—
This is my pay.

The life's work is done,
Its smiles and its tears;
At set of life's sun
Are you paid for the years?
The things I have done,
Those tried for in vain,
The love I have won,—
This is my gain.

J. G. T. 1920

GAV-HAWK

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sentative of the Gaveleer Society. These two able leaders will have working under them the following committee heads: Orchestra, Shirley Perry; Dance Orders, George Kalil; Favors, Frank Preston and Bill Burns; Patrons, Bill Sullivan and Ken Sweeney; Decorations, Bert Hirtle; Refreshments, Jesse James.

The decorations head promises to have something novel for us in a very appropriate color scheme of red, white and blue.

The Holy Cross Crusaders, an orchestra composed of students at Holy Cross College, and a very good one too, as many members of both clubs will testify, will furnish the rythmical beats for the evening.

The alumni of both the Gaveleer Society and Mohawk Club are urged to attend this dance to renew their old acquaintances and make new ones.

year's team should be a formidable ball club since we stand to lose only one man through graduation, Bill Konsavage, a star guard of three years but who was injured early this season and saw little action